

OPINION 727

THREE SPECIFIC NAMES OF SPANISH PALAEOZOIC CRINOIDEA:
SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the following specific names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

- (a) *planus* W. E. Schmidt, 1932, as published in the binomen *Orthocrinus planus*;
- (b) *haugi* Oehlert, 1896, as published in the binomen *Storthingocrinus haugi*;
- (c) *labiatus* W. E. Schmidt, 1932, as published in the binomen *Storthingocrinus labiatus*.

(2) The following specific names, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *planus* W. E. Schmidt, 1932, as published in the binomen *Orthocrinus planus* (Name No. 815);
- (b) *haugi* Oehlert, 1896, as published in the binomen *Storthingocrinus haugi* (Name No. 816);
- (c) *labiatus* W. E. Schmidt, 1932, as published in the binomen *Storthingocrinus labiatus* (Name No. 817).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1513)

The present application was submitted to the office of the Commission in December 1961 by Dr. A. Breimer. Dr. Breimer's application was sent to the printer on 6 December 1961 and was published on 10 September 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 325–327. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 21 : 184) and to three palaeontological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 July 1964 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (64)13 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 19 : 326–327. At the close of the voting period on 1 October 1964 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—eighteen (18), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Lemche, Bonnet, Binder, Boschma, Riley, do Amaral, Uchida, Tortonese, Mayr, Obruchev, Jaczewski, Evans, Ride, Forest, Brinck, Hubbs.

Negative votes—four (4): Vokes, Sabrosky, Mertens, Kraus.

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Munroe.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Borchsenius, Simpson.

Commissioners Alvarado, Miller and Stoll returned late affirmative votes.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

Prof. H. E. Vokes (30.vii.64): "This seems to me to be a matter of taxonomic judgement, not nomenclature, especially since Oehlert's specimens seem to be available [para. 3, p. 326]. I do not think this sort of business should be referred to the Commission. Who is to now know whether or not future taxonomic practices will make the Oehlert specimens satisfactorily identifiable?"

Mr. C. W. Sabrosky (22.ix.64): "I shall always oppose using the machinery of the Commission for dealing with *nomina dubia*. I believe that the Commission, in doing so, goes contrary to the decision of the London Congress in throwing out rules for *nomina dubia* (that Congress deleted Article 5, Sect. 5 of the Bradley Draft)."

Dr. Otto Kraus (1.x.64): "As the applicant explains, the specific names involved are to be regarded as hopeless *nomina dubia*. So they will remain unused in every case, and I cannot see any reason for the Commission to take action as they do not seem to threaten stability in any way."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for specific names placed on the Official Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

haugi, *Storthingocrinus*, Oehlert, 1896, *Bull. Soc. géol. France* (3) **24** : 821

labiatus, *Storthingocrinus*, W. E. Schmidt, 1932, *Palaeontographica* **76** : 26

planus, *Orthocrinus*, W. E. Schmidt, 1932, *Palaeontographica* **76** : 29

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (64)13 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 727.

W. E. CHINA

Acting Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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